

FREMONT OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday August 8, 2006

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Present: Tina Sturdivant, Jack Karcz, Matthew Thomas, Kenn Jones, Larry Lubowsky, Jessica Lubowsky, Jean Ragonese and Janice O'Brien

Also Present: NROC Team Members Steve Miller and Frank Mitchell

Meeting called to order by Janice O'Brien at 7:10

Frank Mitchell of NROC brought a summary of all of the possible projects that were discussed at the prior meeting and organized them into a chart for the members to view and discuss.

The categories were:

- Work Plan
- Natural Resources Inventory
- Long Term Conservation Plan
- Communication with Landowners
- Obtaining Grant Funding for Future Projects
- Management Plan for Glen Oaks

Janice and Jack reported that the Conservation Commission had met with Forester Charlie Moreno the previous evening to discuss the possibility of creating a Management Plan for Glen Oaks; therefore NROC would not be working on this project. Charlie expressed his wishes that in addition to the Conservation Commission, that OS be an integral part of the overall plan creation. Members who are interested will be invited to participate at future meetings.

There is a proposal being brought forth to create a Wildlife/Song Bird Inventory for Glen Oaks. This would be done by local volunteers and would be organized by one of the members. Frank Mitchell had sent out requests for volunteers to help with the inventory, and thus far there have been three responses from individuals who would be interested in participating.

Frank recommended that the NRI would eventually become part of the Long Term Conservation Plan. We are in the process of contracting with Theresa Walker of RPC to write the text for the NRI. Grant funding will be requested for the project from NROC. Frank further recommended that a professional should be contracted with to write the Long Term Conservation Plan, with input and guidance from Open Space. He has provided copies of other towns plans for review and has suggested sources of grant funding for the same. Kenn and Janice will review the possible sources of funding and apply for any grants that the project will qualify for. The Long Term Conservation Plan would eventually become part of the Master Plan, as has been requested by the Future Land Use Group.

There was a general discussion regarding how to best determine which areas of town would be of interest for preservation. After careful review of the NRI maps, along with input from the members and information previously obtained in the town wide survey regarding Fremont's "special places," the members were able to determine several possible areas of interest. They will take this one step forward at the next meeting and take the "areas of interest" and run them through the established criteria.

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Next meeting is Tuesday August 22, 2006 at 7:00PM

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Janice O'Brien
Co-Chair